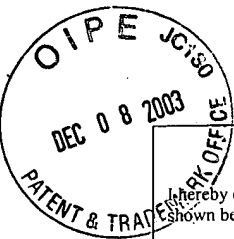


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, in the above-identified application, having a THREE (3) month period for response set to expire December 9, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.